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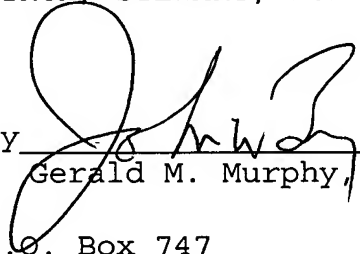
- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
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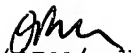
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Appl. No.:	10/618,679	Group:	1775
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For:	RARE-EARTH OXIDE THERMAL SPRAY COATED ARTICLES AND POWDERS FOR THERMAL SPRAYING		

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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March 23, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.